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Subject: RE: Encampment Removal Ordinance - 4.4.19

Thank you for your understanding that this is a quick turnaround time to fully vet the latest version.

As we have communicated, we have serious concerns that the ordinance as proposed does not simply codify existing regulations or establish metrics for improved outcomes. As written, this ordinance would force the City to separate people from their belongings, when there is no public health purpose to do so. There is ample evidence that policies of this sort lead to criminalization and dehumanization of people facing housing insecurity.

You have reiterated your interest in establishing metrics needed to properly manage, resource, and monitor progress towards addressing homelessness, and we wholeheartedly agree that metrics are necessary. As we have reiterated to you as well, we are working with the Health Department, service providers, and Office of Performance and Accountability to develop metrics that appropriately reflect both the City's performance of outreach and cleanup activities, in addition to the efficacy of our interventions.

As we presented before the Quality of Life Committee, the Cantrell Administration is actively engaged with exploring and developing short, medium and long-term solutions that are legal, humane, safe, and effective, and which honor the dignity of people experiencing homelessness.

We are currently reviewing the most recent version sent this morning and will provide feedback and/or edits with adequate time to discuss before Thursday's first reads.

We look forward to continued conversation.

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